



HOUSE BILL No. 4204

February 10, 1993, Introduced by Reps. Gustafson, Varga and Llewellyn and referred to the Committee on Consumers.

A bill to amend sections 4 and 18 of Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled "Michigan consumer protection act," being sections 445.904 and 445.918 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 4 and 18 of Act No. 331 of the Public
2 Acts of 1976, being sections 445.904 and 445.918 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 4. (1) This act ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to EITHER OF
5 THE FOLLOWING:

6 (a) A transaction or conduct specifically authorized under
7 laws administered by a regulatory board or officer acting under
8 statutory authority of this state or the United States.

1 (b) An act done by the publisher, owner, agent, or employee
2 of a newspaper, periodical, directory, radio or television
3 station, or other communications medium in the publication or
4 dissemination of an advertisement unless the publisher, owner,
5 agent, or employee knows or, under the circumstances, reasonably
6 should know of the false, misleading, or deceptive character of
7 the advertisement or has a direct financial interest in the sale
8 or distribution of the advertised goods, property, or service.

9 (2) Except for the purposes of an action filed by a person
10 under section 11, this act ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to an unfair,
11 unconscionable, or deceptive method, act, or practice ~~which~~
12 THAT is made unlawful by:

13 (a) Chapter 20 of THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956, Act No. 218
14 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, being sections 500.2001
15 to 500.2093 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

16 (b) THE BANKING CODE OF 1969, Act No. 319 of the Public
17 Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 487.301 to 487.598 of
18 the Michigan Compiled Laws.

19 (c) Act No. 3 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, being
20 sections 460.1 to 460.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

21 (d) THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT, Act No. 254 of the Public Acts
22 of 1933, as amended, being sections 475.1 to ~~479.49~~ 479.20 of
23 the Michigan Compiled Laws.

24 ~~(e) Act No. 108 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended,~~
25 ~~being sections 550.301 to 550.316 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~

26 ~~(f) Act No. 109 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended,~~
27 ~~being sections 550.501 to 550.517 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~

~~(g) Act No. 264 of the Public Acts of 1974, being sections 325.901 to 325.947 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~

(E) ~~(h)~~ Act No. 125 of the Public Acts of 1963, being sections 550.351 to 550.373 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(3) The burden of proving an exemption from this act is upon the person claiming the exemption.

Sec. 18. (1) The public service commission may investigate, in the manner set forth in section 7, a public utility subject to its jurisdiction ~~as defined in~~ PURSUANT TO Act No. 3 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, being sections 460.1 to 460.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, ~~and~~ THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT, Act No. 254 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended, being sections 475.1 to ~~479.49~~ 479.20 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, AND THE MICHIGAN TELECOMMUNICATION ACT, ACT NO. 179 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1991, BEING SECTIONS 484.2101 TO 484.2605 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, which the commission believes has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in a method, act, or practice which is unlawful under this act.

(2) When the commission requires the use of the subpoena power provided in this act, an application shall be made to the attorney general ~~who shall proceed to~~ procure a subpoena on behalf of the commission in accordance with section 7.

(3) Upon conclusion of an investigation, the commission shall provide a full report to the attorney general.